EXT. SNOWY MOUNTAINS ('GLACIER' TERRAIN, HALO 5)

ATLUS, KALIRAMA and MUGGINS look at BERNSTORM - lying dead at their feet. He flickers and becomes an AI monitor, SPARKING.

ATLUS
Augh! That *sucked!*

Atop a nearby peak, SUPEREGO TUCKER powers down his energy sword.

SUPEREGO TUCKER
You're next if you don't tell me what you're doing here.

Kalirama picks up Bernstorm's hammer

KALIRAMA
(seething)
It *was* nothing but now

Kalirama unfolds two more arms, clutching a sword with each.

KALIRAMA (CONT'D)
-I see I'm here to kill *you*

Superego Tucker slides down the snowslope towards a running Kalirama. She tosses the hammer into his path; he somersaults and slashes Kalirama as he flips over her.

ATLUS
My love!
(RAGE YELL)

Atlus FIRES HIS PISTOL at Tucker, who serpentines towards him. Atlus lands a mighty uppercut, sending Tucker flying, clipping his shoulder on a rocky outcrop before he lands

KALIRAMA
(GETTING UP)
He's *mine!*

She sprints and leaps over the outcrop, noticing - while in mid-air - that Tucker is supine and aiming a Spartan laser up at her. It CHARGES.

KALIRAMA (CONT'D)
(YELPS)

She lands hard at Atlus' feet. Her swords are scattered.

ATLUS
NO!

MUGGINS
Kalirama!

He holds her in his arms.

KALIRAMA
(COUGHS)
Atlus-

ATLUS
(frantic)
No no no- don't, please, stay

KALIRAMA
We had eternity, my love.

ATLUS
(PLACES FOREHEAD TO HERS)
It wasn't enough.

Kalirama shimmers and becomes an AI monitor. She falls through Atlus's arms.

Tucker approaches.

SUPEREGO TUCKER
You AI can't beat me. Why do you keep coming here?

Atlus stands, looking down.

ATLUS
(vacant)
I can't answer your question. I know not know why we appeared here, nor who you are, or why you took the light from my life. I know one sole thing, which I am eager to share:
(defeated)
Your death will bring me no relief.

He drops his pistol.

ATLUS (CONT'D)
Your life will not bring her back. But I'm going to take it anyway.
(LOOKS UP)
Just in case.
(CHARGES)

SUPEREGO TUCKER
(TOSSES LASER ASIDE)
Big words for a software bug-

Atlus mutes Tucker with a heavy tackle, kicks Tucker's left leg out as he stumbles, and connects a strike to his head as he falls. On-beat with hitting the ground, Tucker kicks Atlus's middle and *kip-ups* himself standing.

Tucker fakes a left jab and connects a right, dazing Atlus for a precious moment to knock him against the rocky outcrop and hammer a flurry of blows to his torso. Atlus tenses, locks his hands together over Tucker and brings down a hammer blow that knocks Tucker face-down. He lands 3 right-hand punches on Tucker's head, YELLING on each strike, then kicks him supine.

Satisfied that Tucker's not moving, Atlus HUFFS and walks to Bernstorm's hammer. He picks it up and turns back to Tucker.

Tucker is gone.

SUPEREGO TUCKER (O.S.) (CONT'D)
(ECHOING)
I've never met an AI with feelings before.

ATLUS
(DROPS HAMMER)
Show yourself!

SUPEREGO TUCKER (O.S.)
(ECHOING)
They made this place in me, the AI. They *tried* to make it *bigger*. I gotta protect myself. Nothing personal.

ATLUS
(RISING ANGER)
Words from a *murderer* are as *meaningless* as the *abstract shape I'll smash you into!*

Tucker is behind Atlus.

SUPEREGO TUCKER
Promise?

Atlus spins around and throws a wild haymaker - Tucker ducks and counters. Atlus kicks for Tucker's knee - Tucker switches stance and counters. Atlus headbutts Tucker, who headbutts him back *extremely* hard. Atlus falls to his knees.

SUPEREGO TUCKER (CONT'D)
You can't kill me.

Tucker POWERS UP his energy sword.

SUPEREGO TUCKER (CONT'D)
Don't feel too bad.

ATLUS
Muggins, his eyes!

SUPEREGO TUCKER
What-

Muggins zips at Tucker and hovers by his face, blinding him.

MUGGINS
Now!

Atlus picks Kalirama's sword from the floor and pierces Tucker. Atlus takes a step back and CATCHES HIS BREATH in heavy gulps.

Tucker looks down.

SUPEREGO TUCKER
Well that's new.

Tucker calmly removes the sword from himself.

ATLUS
What are you?

SUPEREGO TUCKER
Told ya.

Tucker gestures to the mountains.

SUPEREGO TUCKER (CONT'D)
I am this place. Years ago you AIs thought you made a home in me. All you made was a tomb.

MUGGINS
We can't win, Atlus.

ATLUS
May be. And yet.
(RAGE YELL)

Atlus lunges at Tucker, who SLASHES and SKEWERS him with his energy sword.

Atlus falls to the ground.

MUGGINS
Damn you, shisno! They were good people!

Atlus shimmers and becomes an AI monitor.

SUPEREGO TUCKER
They were malware and you're next. Man, *shisno*. There's a slur I haven't heard in a long time...

MUGGINS
All who serve the evil one are *shisno*.

SUPEREGO TUCKER
Well back in my day *shisno* was like the *n-word* but for humans. Man I miss humans... welp, anyway-

Tucker clutches Muggins and squeezes him. Sparks erupt from Tucker's closed fist.

INT. BLUE BASE(MENT) - EARLY MORNING

CABOOSE sits up in bed.

CABOOSE
Agh!!

SISTER (O.S.)
You have a nightmare little buddy?

SISTER is sitting on LOPEZ inside her cell. SARGE & GRIF are asleep in a heap.

CABOOSE
Yeah could you hold my hand real quick?

SISTER
Sure.

Close on them doing this through the bars.

CABOOSE
Everyone was trapped. In my nightmare. I was trapped too.

SISTER
Everyone?

CABOOSE
Uh huh. It was like being in a bad movie after you paid to get in. You wanna leave but something is sorta keeping you, you know?

SISTER
Was I there?

CABOOSE
Uh huh. Everyone. Even people I don't know.

Behind Caboose, on a rack of helmets in the background, a pink helmet slowly rotates towards the camera.

SISTER
Well your teammate had a pretty nasty spill last night, you're probably just stressed out.

CABOOSE
Maybe.

SISTER
Y'know, if you feel that way about people being trapped, don't you think you ought to let me out of this cell?

CABOOSE
If I feel what way?

SISTER
That trapping people is bad?

CABOOSE
I'm confused.

SISTER
Because- because of your dream?

CABOOSE
My what?

SISTER
You forgot the dream already, didn't you.

CABOOSE
Why is my hand sweaty?

SISTER
(LETS GO OF HIS HAND)
III'm glad I had this talk.

SARGE (O.S.)
(half-whisper)
Listen, yellow.

Sarge sits up.

SARGE (CONT'D)
(half-whisper)
Sure as I know Grif here is a the worst pillow I've ever trained, I am of the firmest belief that a *third* primary color is not to be trusted. Strike one, fraternizing with the enemy. Strike two, disturbing my badass nightmare! Strike three (and)-

SISTER
And you'll evict me from prison? You are fast losing your *gruff hot uncle* charm, my friend.

SARGE
Hot? Really?

CABOOSE (O.S.)
Hey-

Close on the pink helmet in the helmet rack. Caboose's POV.

CABOOSE (CONT'D)
Isn't uh- isn't that helmet-
(TURNING)
-one of yours?

SARGE
What helmet?

CABOOSE
The pink (one)-

Caboose looks back. The pink helmet is gone.

CABOOSE (CONT'D)
Oh, it was the ghost
(TURNS)
There's a ghost. I'm gonna get my morning started, sleep tight!

Caboose leaves and SWITCHES OFF the light.

SARGE
(beat)
Can, uh- you hold my hand?

EXT. BLUE BASE - DAY

Caboose emerges to the sound of a ROOSTER CROWING.

CABOOSE
(to himself)
Okay, rookie, time to make yourself useful!

UPBEAT MUSIC BEGINS

CUT TO:

Caboose is jogging, running laps around the canyon.

He comes across GENKINS sitting on a bridge.

END UPBEAT MUSIC.

GENKINS
What are you up to, Caboose?

CABOOSE
Chores.

GENKINS
Chores.

CABOOSE
In basic when I had cleaning duty I always messed it up, so they made me run laps.

GENKINS
And now you-

CABOOSE
-cut out the middle-man, yeah

GENKINS
I see. Go hose down the outside of our base, okay?

CABOOSE
(*IT'S YOUR FUNERAL* TONE)
Okay.

CUT TO:

EXT. BLUE BASE

Caboose is hosing down the base with a mounted machine gun. TUCKER ambles out of the base tiredly.

TUCKER
Caboose. Caboose.
(WEAK YELL)
Caboose.

The gun swings towards Tucker, who ducks the spray of bullets.

CABOOSE
Hi Tucker! Weren't you unconscious?

TUCKER
I was. Let that sink in.
(GOES BACK INSIDE WEARILY)
Please do literally any other thing, while I go slip into something more comfortable.

TUCKER (O.S.) (CONT'D)
Like a coma.

CABOOSE
Agh. Good job, Caboose...

UPBEAT MUSIC starts up again.

CUT TO:

MONTAGE

- Caboose stacks grenades in a pyramid in a store room

- Caboose drags Simmons to Sarge & Grif's holding cell and dumps him on top of their sleeping bodies. Sister loves this.

- Caboose waters the grass

- Caboose waters the bushes

- Caboose waters the gun rack

- Caboose waters the grenade pyramid

- Caboose waters the tank barrel

CABOOSE
Thirsty girl.

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